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1. PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOT RAISED POSSIBLE PAK
CANDIDACY WITH US HERE; WE WILL ALSO USE LINE PARA 1 REF (A)
IF THEY GET AROUND TO IT.

2. SEVERAL FACTORS OCCUR TO US AS POSSIBLE MOTIVATIONS
FOR A GOP DECISION -- IF IT HAS BEEN MADE -- TO SEEK CHAIR-
MANSHIP OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT THIS TIME:

-- MUNIR KHAN HIMSELF COULD BE THE SPARK PLUG FOR THIS
IDEA; IT WOULD MEAN MUCH TO HIM AT THIS POINT OF HIS CAREER
IN BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TERMS.

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-- OTHER THAN THIS HIGHLY PERSONAL MOTIVATION, GOP
DECISION COULD BE SEEN HERE AS FURTHERING PAKISTAN'S
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND POSITION AS A TECHNOLOGICALLY
ADVANCED, THIRD WORLD NATION WHICH IS DETERMINED -- DESPITE
OBSTACLES PUT IN ITS WAY BY THE NUCLEAR 'HAVES' -- TO PURSUE
AN AMBITIOUS AND INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM.

-- MUNIR KHAN'S PRESENCE AT THE HELM OF THE IAEA BOARD
COULD ALSO BE EXPLOITED (IN GOP EYES) TO ADVANCE A STRONG
THIRD WORLD VIEW URGING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE
NUCLEAR 'HAVE NOTS' AND PERMITTING PAKISTAN TO ASSUME
SPOKESMAN/LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG THE 'HAVE NOTS.'

-- REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY ALSO PLAY A ROLE,
ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF WHATEVER INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE
MAY BE DERIVED FOR PAKISTAN -- ALONG WITH INDIA AND IRAN --
AS A REGIONAL NUCLEAR POWER. INDIA HAS ALREADY SERVED ON
THE BOARD; THAT IS ALMOST REASON ENOUGH FOR THE GOP TO
WANT TO PUSH ITS OWN CANDIDACY. (WE WOULD AGREE WITH
VIENNA THAT GOP WOULD NOT 'BUCK' IRAN FOR THE SEAT IF
DR. ETEMAD DECIDES TO CONTEST. IN THAT CASE, GOP WOULD

PRESUMABLY ATTEMPT TO USE ITS SUPPORT OF AN ETEMAD CANDIDACY
TO SEEK ASSURANCES OF TEHRAN'S SUPPORT FOR A PAK CANDIDACY
NEXT TIME AROUND.)

3. CASTING A LONG SHADOW OVER THIS SUBJECT, AS IT DOES
OVER ALL THINGS NUCLEAR IN PAKISTAN, IS THE NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING ISSUE, WHICH REMAINS UNRESOLVED. IF THE
ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED, OR IF THE FRENCH CARRY OUT THE
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CONTRACT, PAK CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS COULD
PROVIDE THE GOP, THROUGH MUNIR KHAN, WITH A FORUM IN WHICH
TO ADVANCE ITS OWN VIEWS ON REPROCESSING AND TO RALLY SUPPORT
FOR THESE VIEWS AS WELL. IF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE IS RESOLVED
BY FRENCH CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT, THE CHAIRMANSHIP
COULD THEN BE USEFUL AS A WAY PERHAPS OF PROVIDING SOLACE
TO THE PAKISTANIS DENIED THEIR OWN REPROCESSING PLANT BUT
STILL ABLE TO PLAY IN THE 'BIG LEAGUES' AS A COUNTRY
REPUTED FOR ITS NUCLEAR EXPERTISE AND INTENT ON A NUCLEAR
POWER FUTURE FOR ITSELF.
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